



# Lake Park Villager

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## GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Feb 6** 12 Noon Waste Collection Proposals Deadline
- Feb 7** 5:30 PM Waste Collection Committee Meeting
- Feb 10** 5:30 PM Waste Collection Committee Meeting
- Feb 11** 7:00 PM Council Meeting
- Feb 17** Presidents Day - Village Office Closed
- Feb 18** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- Feb 20** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- Feb 24** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS** OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

**LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS** LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS  
PAUL WOLFSKALE RECREATION COMPLEX

**LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**  
JANUARY 28 – 6:30 SIGN IN CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK  
7:00 MEETING

**LAKE PARK SINGLES** AGES 45+  
FEB 6 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**SAGES** LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
FEB 3 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906  
FEB 14 – 6:00 PM SOUP SUPPER NIGHT 882-2005  
FEB 17 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

**VILLAGER NEWSLETTER** IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY FEB 25  
FEB 14 ITEMS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING** ENJOYING BIRDS IN LAKE PARK  
FEB 17 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

**HEARTS IN MOTION 5K WALK/RUN** SPONSORED BY COMMON HEART  
FEB 22 – 7:30 AM RUNNERS SIGN IN BEGINS TOWN CENTER PARK  
FEB 22 - 9:00 AM RACE BEGINS  
FEB 22 - 10:00 AM AWARD PRESENTATIONS

## Smoke Alarm Facts

- Photoelectric smoke alarms respond faster to smoldering fires.
- Ionization smoke alarms respond faster to flaming fires.
- Carbon monoxide alarms detect smokeless fumes.
- Test alarms monthly; replace batteries annually.

## Waste Service Maintained

### Collection is still Thursdays 7am

By unanimous decision at a special public meeting January 7, 2014 Lake Park Village Council awarded an interim waste collection contract to Trash Control Inc. (TCI) based in Monroe NC. Covenant Waste assets were sold by Yadkin Bank on January 3, severing the existing Covenant contract with Lake Park, and prompting Council to publish a public notice that same day for a special January 7 public meeting.

Covenant Waste Services' President John Hott confirmed that his company's assets were sold and Covenant no longer existed. The vendor default occurred in Covenant's 5-year contract with the village on January 9, 2014, 14 months before the contract terms were to expire.

The interim contract decision in the January 7 public meeting followed a review of immediate practical needs, invited public comments from those attending, and consulted the village attorney on relevant legal options.

Chad Laney, president of Trash Control Inc. has operated a waste service for over 6 years. TCI has provided interim service throughout Lake Park since January 10. TCI has also entered a temporary arrangement with the new owner of the rolling carts and recycle bins for residents to continue using them until they are replaced in April 2014.

Lake Park's interim arrangement with TCI will maintain normal collection service for 90 days.

On January 14, at the regular public meeting, Council appointed Sandy Coughlin, Cheri Clark and Chris Yeager as a Waste Collection Review Committee to research and recommend a vendor to Council for a new 5-year contract at a February 11 regular public meeting.

Waste collection Requests for Proposals were invited by public notice January 17 and are due from prospective vendors by noon February 6 at the Clerk's office. The Committee will meet at 5:30 pm February 7 to open those bids. The Committee will meet again at 5:30 pm February 10 to review and discuss the bids and prepare their recommendation to Council.

By mid-April, once a new 5-year contract is in place, new carts and bins are expected to replace the Covenant containers. The old containers do not belong to Lake Park nor to our residents.

Village attorney Ken Swain provided legal guidance for the interim agreement, public notices, and request for

## Lake Park Village Government Call List

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**Deputy Richard Haywood**

**Call 911** to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

[officer@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:officer@lakeparknc.gov)

proposals. Mr. Swain will also review the 5-year contract prior to Council vote and before Mayor Spence signs a new 5-year contract.

## HOA Annual Meeting Jan 28

Four volunteer openings are available on the 2014 HOA board. Watch your mailbox for meeting details.

## Unified Development Update

Council expected no public comment in the thoroughly reviewed revisions, and received none, at the January 14 hearing for the proposed revisions to Lake Park's Unified Development Ordinance. The revisions were mandated by recent North Carolina state revisions affecting local planning boards. Council passed the revised ordinance at the regular public meeting that same evening. Copies are available at the Village Office or email your request to [cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov](mailto:cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov).

## Feb 22 5k Run/Walk 9-10 am

Common Heart offers lower registration fees to runners who sign up before Feb 20. To register or learn how you can run for free, contact 704-218-9060 or [www.heartsinmotion5k.com](http://www.heartsinmotion5k.com). Proceeds benefit the non-profit Indian Trail agency "promoting personal action to end hunger and poverty". Union Power Cooperative is a sponsor. Vehicle access will be limited on Creft and Conifer Circles, Lake Park Road, Alden, Mother Theresa and Meeting Streets during the race.

## WIP: [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov)

A 'Work In Progress' advised Mark Phillips, noting how the outdated software has created access and interactive problems on the official village website.

Residents are urged to include a phone number to help council and staff respond during the restoration. The [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov) site is down, but old data was saved to be restored on a rebuilt site in the near future.

## Russell Park Pond

Parks and Recreation sent Invitations to Bid for the Russell Park Pond Restoration project Jan 2 and will have a recommendation to Council on February 11.

## Trees & Street Lights

Union Power Arborist and the Union County Urban Forester advised on the P&RC survey of trees that obstruct street lights. Of 35 trees to be trimmed or removed, many are cul de sac birches or curbside Bradford Pears in sites that are too tight for a replacement tree to flourish. To maintain Lake Park's beautiful tree canopy, the P&RC will seek alternate sites for new trees in the village.

## Newsletter Delivery

The *Lake Park Villager* is delivered to all village residences that provide a mailbox tube. Others may pick up copies at Total Tranquility Salon, Lucas Landscape and the Community Center.

## EDC: Economic Development

♦The Varsity Boys team at **Central Academy at Lake Park** hosted a Christmas Basketball Tournament with Grace Academy, Crammerton, and Metrolina teams December 27, 28 and January 3. Lake Park resident admission (\$1) was waived for those who brought a can of food for Common Cupboard.

♦ **Skeeter's Bakery** and **Total Tranquility Salon** are offering new hours to balance both family time and to best accommodate customer needs with convenient service and quality products.

**Skeeters Bakery:** Open Tuesday through Friday 7am to 4 pm and Saturday 8am – 3pm.

**Total Tranquility Salon:** Open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 3 pm.

## P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦**Community Center Interior Painting Project:** Council approved up to \$2500 for painting the foyer, halls, restrooms, kitchen and community room. Funds for the Community Center Maintenance are included in the 2013-14 village budget.

♦**Safety Uniform:** Six bright yellow vests that are printed "Village of Lake Park" on the back have been purchased for use by Council or P&R Commissioners when they are working around the village. If unknown persons are not wearing a vest, they may be reported to our officers for suspicious activity.